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ELLENVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY AWARDED \$152,622 IN ADDITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

KINGSTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$152,622 in rental assistance vouchers to the Ellenville Housing Authority. The funds will make 29 additional housing vouchers available to low-income families in the Ellenville area.

"There are many people in the Town of Wawarsing who simply cannot afford decent, safe, housing," said Hinchey. "These new vouchers will help the Ellenville Housing Authority to alleviate that problem."

The Section 8 Housing Choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments. The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects.

"We are thrilled to receive addition Section 8 Vouchers," said Alice Mumper, Executive Director of Ellenville Housing Authority. "Applicants to our Section 8 Program have been waiting an average of 2 years for a voucher. We will be able to reduce that waiting period now. I encourage Town of Wawarsing residents to call us or stop by our office for applications."